

## **Jefferson Local Development Corporation (JLDC)**

Meeting Minutes, January 16, 2019

Boulder City Hall, Boulder, MT

**Board members and staff present:** Tom Harrington, Alison Richardson, Adam Senechal, Ed Handl, Lee Good, Clint Smith, Brad Culver, Drew Dawson, Nick Hensleigh, Kristi Wilson, Erika Morris, Mari Jean Bellander, and Aubrie Boline. Guests Bruce Binkowski and Mary Ann Carey.

### **Call Meeting to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 12:13 p.m. by Adam S followed by introduction of guests. A motion was made to accept the December 2018 meeting minutes, seconded, and passed.

### **Treasurers Report**

Tom H. reviewed the JLDC and Borden's financial reports. Discussed the dissolution of Borden Owner LLC at the end of the year. Motion was made, seconded, and passed to accept the reports.

### **Boulder Activities**

Tom H. provided an update on the demolition of the kitchen and Building 6. EPA reports are complete. Kitchen building will be demolished by end of February. Applying for Brownsfield grants to cover remediation costs of other South Campus buildings. Meeting with the commissioners in the last week of January regarding the grants. Tom will meet with AYA tomorrow to discuss potential expansion into Building 6.

Erika M. reported RFPs are out for branding and signage. Progress is being made on establishing a walking path. Working on bathroom remodel at Veteran's Park. Discussed the Façade Improvement Program. The business RLF has been established. Obtained a Downtown Master Plan grant for \$15k. Five months remain to allocate the funds. Alison R. is working with the city on a website.

The Fair Grounds Master Plan is still in final draft, and there is a meeting tomorrow night. The public comment period begins next week, and the plan should be locked in by March.

Internet contract has been signed by the city.

Discussion about MDC Reutilization committee progress to get facilities is progressing with involvement from multiple state agencies. Facility tour was provided on December 26. There are opportunities for veteran programs and youth education. Tom H. will meet with the dean of Helena College later this month. Group discussed hiring a consultant to lead the project. A motion to pursue finding a consultant and reviewing financial requirements was made, seconded, and passed.

Tom H. reported that John Rogers is doing a feasibility study on the interchange to determine if a Western Heritage Center would be possible. Study will be done by the end of the month. Tom and Leonard W. met with the Montana Pro Rodeo Hall of Fame group in Billings last week, and they are holding their annual banquet on the 26<sup>th</sup>. Meeting with the Cowboy Hall of Fame board in February. Tom, Leonard, Bruce and Alison met with the Montana Historical Society last week. An architect was hired to create a conceptual layout of the land. Working with Sky Top Ranch to acquire more land for expansion of facilities.

### **Other Activities**

Update provided on the tax increment districts. Quarterly meeting held last month. Mine infrastructure is moving forward. Wind tower prototype is progressing. New warehouse building is complete and all units are occupied. A new road was completed in the north district. Central district proposal is on hold.

Golden Sunlight Mine produced 3000 ounces this last month. Closure planning and concentrator feasibility are ongoing. Discussed the Barrick/Randgold merger and use of drones in the underground at Golden Sunlight, as well as being used to identify and spray weeds.

The Jefferson Slough project is finished and design work is starting on the Pipestone Creek project. Montana Tech grad students will help with groundwater recharge studies in the Boulder Valley.

County tourism website and online booking for fairgrounds launches next week. Working on Halloween attraction in Whitehall and Boulder for next year. A circus is scheduled for the end of June.

### **Administrative Items**

Staff notes. New Agriculture/4-H Agent Kaleena Miller begins February 4<sup>th</sup>. Madison and Jefferson Counties approved creating a new 4-H only agent position. Update on the member drive.

### **Public Comment & Adjourn**

Adjourned 1:19 p.m. Next meeting, 1:30 pm, February 20, 2019 in Boulder.